

WAR INVESTIGATION.

The First Missouri Claimed Their Trousers Were Rags.

COMPLAINT ABOUT HOSPITAL CORPS.

Third Tennessee's Canteen Does a Rushing Trade in Beer at Chickamauga—The Water Supply Considered Bad.

Anniston, Ala., Oct. 25.—The war investigating commission sat from nine o'clock until 5:30 yesterday and examined about a dozen witnesses, including a number of officers and men of the regular troops, as well as a number of volunteer officers. It is now expected that the commission will leave for Huntsville to-night. The commission began its session with Maj. Otto H. Falk on the stand. He is the chief quartermaster of the First division of the Third army corps while in Chickamauga and he now occupies the position of chief quartermaster of this camp. He said the most serious complaint in the early history of Camp Thomas was from the First Missouri, whose men claimed that their trousers were nothing more than rags and threatened to appeal to charity at home to supply their wants.

H. M. Drake, in charge of the hospital here, and who was in command of the hospital of the First division of the Third corps of Chickamauga, was the next witness. He stated that the medical supplies had been ample from the beginning, but the hospital corps had proved inefficient as nurses. "They were, as a class," he said, "the very worst material that could have been found out of which to make nurses."

Maj. David Vickers, who was inspector general for the Second division of the Third corps at Chickamauga, attributed the troubles in that camp to the shallowness of the sinks. He said also that some of the regimental officers insisted on making poor selections of camp sites, and in one instance a Mississippi colonel who had put his men in a swamp had insisted on remaining on the ground that the Mississippians had a natural affinity for swamps. Nevertheless his men were taken sick. Maj. Vickers also complained that the drinking water was poor. Asked as to the competency of the surgeons at the hospitals, he said there was one man in the hospital whose proneness to profanity unfitted him for the service. This man was Maj. Hubbard, surgeon of the Ninth New York. His profanity was of such a villainous character, said Maj. Vickers, it pretty nearly made me sick and I know it could not have had a pleasant effect upon patients.

Lieut. Col. Bisbee, in command of the First infantry, told the story of the transportation of his regiment to Santiago, briefly described the fighting about Santiago, spoke of his experience in Cuba, of the return to Montauk point and of the stay at that place and the transfer south. Asked if the landing at Santiago could have been accomplished if opposed, he replied: "The facilities were so poor that I think not; at least I should say if I had been on shore no enemy would have been permitted to land. I cannot say how it was with the Spaniards." He said there was considerable difficulty in getting food while in front of Santiago, "but we had enough." He said: "If there had been more to eat the men would probably have been sicker." He expressed the opinion that the only deprivation had been in not having proper food for the sick. They could not take the army food in their condition, he said. He thought the rations contained too much fat meat for the climate.

Maj. Dempsey, of the Second regular infantry, covered much of the same ground as Col. Bisbee. He said that his command had never, during the Santiago campaign, suffered for want of supplies. Men had sometimes at night felt the want of covering, but not of food. Not more than half the men in the regiment were fit for duty at the time of the surrender of Santiago. He had heard a doctor say that quinine and castor oil were the only medicines he could get. He said the only deficiency discovered at Montauk point was in the matter of transportation facilities, which seemed to be taxed. He had also heard a doctor say there were not sufficient cots in the regimental hospital for the accommodation of the sick.

Col. H. M. Seaman, of the Fourth Wisconsin, complained that the supplies his regiment had down at Camp Douglas, Wis., including clothing, shoes and arms, had been poor. He did not consider the men sufficiently well clad for the harsh weather, and said they had suffered somewhat on account of the recent cold.

Col. James Pfyff, of the Third Tennessee, whose regiment had been encamped at Chickamauga park as a part of the First division of the Third army corps, previous to removal here, said the commissary supplies had been excellent in quality and ample in quantity until within the past month. He said in reply to questions that a canteen had been maintained in his regiment, and that beer in large quantities had been sold at it. Most of the receipts, amounting to \$400 or \$500 per day, of the canteens were from beer. "Did you consider it proper for your regiment to maintain a general beer garden for all the camp?" he was asked by Dr. Conner, reading from his letter as his authority. The colonel said he did not know, but the beer was there to be sold. He expressed the opinion that Chickamauga was an excellent camp site, but he considered the water supply bad as it was arranged.

The large four mill and elevator of Kiddoo Bros., at Neosho, Mo., was destroyed by fire Monday night. Loss, \$20,000; only partially insured.

ADDITIONAL COUNTY NEWS.

HUMBOLDT.

A. W. CUNNINGHAM, Reporter.

The fine weather after so many days of storm brought out a fairly good crowd to hear Senator Farrelly of Chanute Saturday evening. Congressman Peters failed to arrive, and Senator Farrelly had to spread out a naturally thin speech in order to take up the time. He denied that the Populist congressmen of Kansas had voted against the war measures. They had only voted against the method of raising funds. Uncle Sam ought to borrow money without paying interest. The Republicans were making a flag campaign out of this anyway. The Senator handled the State administration with gloves. Leedy hadn't done anything that he was ashamed of. Boyle was compared with an officer who had been asked, for a consideration, to endorse some bonds, and had done so by endorsing them as "no good." He didn't apply the story, but then he didn't say anything of the non-enforcement of the stock yards law either. The legislature was praised up and the bills it had passed enumerated, among them the banking law of 1891, passed by a Republican legislature. As a whole the speech was pretty fair, considering the fact that it is pretty hard for a Pop to make a speech anyway this year.

Mr. Bragg and wife, Mr. Heath and wife, J. H. Osborn, E. A. Gleason, Rudolf Paistling, Milt Simpson and John Heile are among the Humboldt people at Omaha this week.

Mrs. Gard is on the road to recovery from her illness. The doctor feared she would have an attack of typhoid fever at first, but she returned from Iowa in time to escape it.

Born: Friday to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pickell, a boy. His name is Dewey and he weighs 13 pounds.

There were several rose bushes and a lot of apple trees in bloom during the storm of last Monday, and they were still in bloom during Tuesday's storm.

Some very successful meetings are being held at the M E church this week.

The County Missionary Convention at the Presbyterian church this week promises to be very interesting.

The six year old grand son of Mr. Martin, living in the north-east part of town, had a very narrow escape from drowning last Thursday. The well curb is rather low and the boy fell in. He sank four times before his grandmother was able to place a broom stick in his hands and pull him out. He recovered rapidly from his experience and says he is ready to try it again.

ROCK CREEK.

Mrs. C. E. Sawyer, Reporter.

There is a brand new boy at Mr. Gilman's.

Mrs. Brooker Arnold is home for a few weeks visit.

A B Mull returned from Omaha, Friday night.

Milt Rhodes' oldest boy has been ill for some time.

Mr. Gregory's son and daughter-in-law, of Coffey Co., are visiting him this week.

The Singing School has purchased new books entitled "Best of Songs". The quarterly meeting will be held at R. C. Nov. 5 and 6.

Mr. Howe, a gentleman from North Mexico, has been repairing organs and sewing machines in this vicinity.

In digging the cistern at Rock Creek they struck a vein of water.

Rev. Vezie announced preaching for Tuesday night and Sunday.

CARLYLE.

C. A. STINSON, Reporter.

Mr. Bush, our section foreman, is entertaining his mother and brother from Walnut, Kan., and a sister from Oregon.

Mrs. R. B. Arnold visited in Shaw over Sunday.

Several of the neighbors are hauling corn to Vezie Brothers.

There was a basket supper at Prairie Union school house Friday evening of last week, and there is to be one at Carlyle school house Wednesday evening of this week.

Samuel and John Wilkinson, the former from Cherokee Strip, and the latter from North Dakota, are visiting their brothers here.

Several of the ladies expect to attend the Missionary convention at Humboldt this week. Miss Ella Gilkerson and Mrs. Sam Ryker are the delegates.

Mrs. Jas Clark's father, Mr. Arnold from Oregon, visited her father last week.

NORTH MAPLE GROVE.

Norris Ball returned last Wednesday to his Co. in San Francisco, in answer to a dispatch to join his Regiment immediately, and a number were disappointed in not getting to send something along to their absent boys.

Mrs. Winchester has been quite poorly for the last few weeks. She is confined to her bed part of the time.

Mrs. Della Ball and little daughter are visiting this week with her husbands parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Ball.

Mr. Kerwood has a brother-in-law and a niece from the north western part of the state visiting him.

Farmers are all busy husking corn. Mr. Lynch made a business trip to Rawlins county of this state last week.

SAVONBURG.

Wm. ROBINSON, Reporter.

Saturday was a busy day for our town and the hitching racks were at a premium.

Broom corn is being shipped daily by the car load. The price ranges from fifty to sixty dollars per ton.

Mr. Richardson's shipments of poultry, butter and eggs from this

town averages \$15 per month and there are others engaged in the trade. Some talk of starting a bank in Savonburg.

Mr. Ball's fine residence is nearly completed and will add materially to the appearance of the "Gem of the Prairie."

We are glad to be able to note that Mr. Little has returned from Parsons, his eyesight restored through the remarkably skillful treatment of Dr. Maser of that place.

Messrs. Chogull, Goshorn and Peterson discussed the political issues from the Populist stand point Saturday night. They had a large and attentive audience.

A protracted meeting will begin at the Friends church next Sabbath; a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Our merchants, grainmen, lumbermen and grocers are all so busy waiting on their many customers that news-gathering is a hard task.

SOUTH MAPLE GROVE.

W. F. GRALL, Reporter.

Will Winks and Wilson Hawley went to Iowa Saturday.

Addie Tharp is visiting friends near Wichita.

Wm. Overholt's sale last Thursday was well attended and property brought a good price. Mr. Overholt expects to move to Humboldt. Maurice Mosby has rented his farm.

Several from this vicinity attended church in Humboldt Sunday night.

Chas. Abbot has returned to his home in Indiana.

Wixson & Miller are putting in an arch culvert, north of the church.

Married: at the bride's home Wednesday evening Oct. 19, Mr. Horace Wixson and Mrs. Lavina Mose, Rev. Ella Tharp officiating. We extend congratulations and good wishes.

Oscar Shoemaker is husking corn for Enoch Palmer.

There was a party at Mr. Boyer's Thursday night.

Chas. Seamer is working for Mr. Ralph.

NEOSHO VALLEY.

C. L. ARNOLD, Reporter.

U B quarterly meeting will be held at Salem Chapel one week from next Saturday and Sunday. The Presiding Elder, J. R. Chambers, will conduct the services.

R. F. Clark went down to Earlton last week to try to rent a place, but as he failed he returned and rented a house in Humboldt where he moved Monday.

George Thornton came in from Rice county last week where he has been at work.

Tobe Vancil returned from his trip to Mo recently.

R. M. Purdon bought John Young's corn crop and is having it husked.

SPRING BRANCH.

MR. FRANK JACKSON, Reporter.

Several from this part went to LaHarpe Sunday to attend the church that was recently organized.

Mrs. Rustman's sisters that were visiting her returned to their home in Illinois last week.

Mr. Steward, the orchard man, and family moved into Jim Harvey's north farm.

C. E. Sawyer is buying corn in this neighborhood.

There will be a quarterly meeting at Pleasant Valley Saturday and Sunday.

Bert Sigbey visited in this part Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Sanders' daughter, who has been visiting her for the last two months, returned to her home in Stafford county last week much improved in health.

Hunters in this part are numerous, mostly from town. Some complaint is being made by the farmers.

There will be a concert at Silver Leaf schoolhouse Monday night the 31st. Proceeds to finish paying for the organ.

ALLEN CENTER.

J. W. TRENBAY, Reporter.

Mr. Tobey has raised his windmill tower and put up a large reservoir tank to supply his several stock tanks.

Ben Mason, of Linn Co., is helping us with our fall work.

Our neighbors report that their alfalfa sowings have died. It seems that this of all seasons would have saved the seeding of last spring.

Mr. Roedel expects to pipe gas in to his house from the schoolhouse pipes.

Chas. Adams has a full-blown meat shop in operation in LaHarpe. Charlie is reputed to be a fine meat cutter. He will put a wagon on the road as soon as possible.

"Doc" Adams is teaming in LaHarpe for the Lanyon Lumber and Gas Company.

DIAMOND.

Mrs. T. W. JONES, Reporter.

The October of 1898 is surely without a precedent, as two such snow storms are surely beyond the memory of any living man.

Much stock is suffering that would have been comfortably housed if farmers had expected a storm so early in the season. Kaffir corn, is much of it unharvested, many potatoes undug and many things at loose ends on the farm that would have been all ship shape if we had our usual mild weather through October.

Ira Harman, Fred Lee, Leroy Taylor accompanied by Miss Harman drove out from Iowa recently for a visit with B. D. Jones and sister, near Wise. We can report excellent health for this vicinity at present.

It is rumored that Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jones have moved to Bonner Springs to keep house for their son Walter. We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Jones, but we commend them to any community where they may settle.

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WARSHIPS FOR HAVANA.

One or Two Vessels May Be Sent to Anchor in the Harbor During the Transition Period.

Washington, Oct. 26.—The navy will not be called upon to take any part in sending the army of occupation into Cuba, which movement will begin in the early part of November. The navy has gone out of the business of transporting troops. United States ships, however, will before long be seen in the harbor of Havana. It is thought very desirable that a United States warship or two shall be in Havana harbor during the time when Cuba is in a state of transition. The navy will not be called upon to do any of the work of administering affairs in Cuba, for that is naturally the province of the army, but it is believed to be a wise thing to place both military and naval resources in plain sight of Havana and other Spanish towns, for some time to come. The president and the members of his cabinet decided yesterday that the United States would take formal control of the affairs in Cuba on January 1, 1899, and thus begin the new year by giving Cuba the benefits that go with the American flag.

French Press More Hopeful.

Paris, Oct. 26.—The French papers are more hopeful and believe that a pacific solution of the dispute will be found. The English papers are full of particulars of naval news, but the only fresh development is an order received at Portsmouth to prepare all the ships of the fleet and the reserve for immediate mobilization.

Sales of Cuban Property Must Stop.

Washington, Oct. 26.—President McKinley has told Prime Minister Sagasta, through the French government, that Spanish disposition of what this government considers immovable property in Cuba must stop at once. As a result of consultations between the president and Secretary Hay and other members of his cabinet, the secretary of state was directed to send a note to the French embassy, explaining that this government could not permit the sale of cannon or the removal of guns from the fortifications of Cuba, as reported by the American commissioners, and that such proceedings must be stopped at once.

Free Lands for Cubans.

Santiago, Cuba, Oct. 26.—Several wealthy Cubans have offered Gen. Wood a quantity of land to enable him to carry out his plans of furnishing work for anyone who desires it. Any such applicant will be given, for one year, the use of a piece of land, implements, seed and rations until his crops grow, to enable him to supply the Santiago market with vegetables, fruits, fowls or pork. Gen. Wood believes that no fewer than 500 men will accept this.

Santiago Business Men Friendly.

Santiago, Oct. 26.—The Santiago board of trade, representing the commerce of the province, sent a special committee to wait upon Gen. Wood, military governor of the department of Santiago, to congratulate him upon the work he has already done. The committee also informed him that the board of trade had subscribed \$100,000 for harbor improvements and that the amount had been placed at his disposal to use as he might see fit.

DR. CALDWELL'S
SYRUP PEPSIN
CURES INDIGESTION.